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Thanks, Scott, I appreciate the feedback! That definitely helps with understanding the management approaches, and knowing what the Service will generally be looking for in a tribal plan.

See you at the next SAG meeting in Denver...?

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Howdy Steve - sorry for the delayed response, still getting back into the swing of things after being gone for a few days.

Anyway, the key for any wolf mgmt plan is going to be the ability of the mgmt agency to regulate take. Most agencies do this by clearly defining when take may occur or, when recovery has been achieved, classifying them as a game animal or other similar designation so that rules and regulations guide the taking of the species, whether that be through sport hunting or conflict or defense of life/property; very similar to what you have been working through with the SAG and very similar to how many other species are managed. I think the plans provided demonstrated adequate regulatory processes although the only one that I know of that was officially Service-approved was the Wind River plan (with the possibility of the Blackfeet plan since it was completed prior to delisting).

Hope that helps a bit, but would be happy to chat more about it anytime if needed.

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Good morning Scott,

Thanks so much for sending these! I look forward to reading through all of them. Just so I'm clear ---- would all of these plans, more or less, be "10j compliant", and do you think FWS would consider these as *potentially good management guides* for the two Colorado Ute tribes to emulate under the planned 10j for wolves reintroduced in Colorado?

Thanks,

Steve



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Howdy Steve - great to finally meet you in person last week. In following up on some of our conversations from last week, I have attached wolf management plans from Wind River (attached both 2007 and updated plan from 2008), Flathead (just most recent from 2020), Blackfeet, and Confederated Tribes of Colville Res. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Nicole, John, or I anytime. Thanks a bunch.

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